

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lotus Cars Limited  
Application No.: 10/509,568  
Filing Date: September 29, 2004  
Title: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF AN  
AUTOMOBILE STRUCTURE AND AN AUTOMOBILE  
STRUCTURE MADE BY THE METHOD

Confirmation No. 9584

Examiner: Deborah D. Williams (703) 308-9140 ext. 205

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein.

This statement is believed to be in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of the foreign cited references are attached.

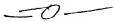
By this submission applicant is not admitting the materiality of these references: they are merely submitted to ensure full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

In the event a fee is required for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2355. This form is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

LUEDEKA, NEELY &amp; GRAHAM, P.C.

By:

  
Robert O. Fox  
Registration No. 34,165

June 13, 2005  
P.O. Box 1871  
Knoxville, TN 37901  
Phone (865) 546-4305

## \*\*\* CERTIFICATE OF MAILING \*\*\*

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

on JUNE 13, 2005

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /R.W./

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

## Complete If Known

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Application Number   | 10/509,568                  |
| Filing Date          | 09-29-2004                  |
| First Named Inventor | John Kenneth Bingham et al. |
| Group Art Unit       |                             |
| Examiner Name        | /Ryan Walters/              |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 59621.US                    |

Sheet 1 of 1

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Document No.    | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figs. Appear |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
|                    |                       | US-6,193,273 B1 | 02-27-2001                  | Novak et al.                                    |  |
|                    |                       | US-5,716,155    | 02-10-1998                  | Yoshida et al.                                  |  |
|                    |                       | US-5,112,102    | 05-12-1992                  | Wurl  |  |
|                    |                       | US-5,085,485    | 02-04-1992                  | Wurl  |  |
|                    |                       | US-3,685,854    | 08-22-1972                  | Cadiou  |  |
|                    |                       | US-4,618,163    | 10-21-1986                  | Hasler et al.                                   |  |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Foreign Patent Document |                     | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T* |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|----|
|                    |                       | Office <sup>2</sup>     | Number <sup>3</sup> |                             |   |   |    |
|                    |                       | EP                      | 0 900 716 A1        | 03-10-1939                  | Volkswagen                                      |   |    |
|                    |                       | GB                      | 2,079,226           | 01-20-1682                  | Honda   |   |    |
|                    |                       | GB                      | 312,720             | 06-06-1929                  | Higgs   |   |    |

**OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T* |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|----|
|                    |                       | International Preliminary Examination Reports citing the above references (2 pages)   |    |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>3</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. \*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

/Ryan Walters/

01/29/2010